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COUNTY NEWS.

Interesting Items from all Parts
of the Niagara Peninsula.

TORONTO.

A Child Burned to Death.

Toronto, May 20.—A horrible accident took place yesterday morning above the restaurant kept by Mr. Wm. O'Neil, 230 King street east, which resulted in the melancholy death of his child, 18 months old, and the serious injury of the mother and nurse. The baby slept with the nurse in a room adjoining the main hall, through which the stove pipe from the kitchen ran. It would appear that the little fellow got hold of a coal oil can which was in the room, and carried it to the stove pipe, pouring its contents thereon. Flames immediately flew up and caught the clothes of the child. The nurse, seeing the affair, ran to the rescue, and threw round the burning child her arms, with the result that she also became involved in flames. Mrs. O'Neil, who was in the room, ran to the assistance of the nurse, but being in a state of panic was unable to render any effective assistance. Mr. O'Neil, who was on the scene, and by the aid of blankets succeeded in extinguishing the flames. The nurse, Mary Rogers, was badly burned and shortly afterwards was removed to the General Hospital. The child, after much suffering, died in about three hours, although everything was done to save its life. Mrs. O'Neil had her hands severely burned, but on being treated by a doctor it was found that her injuries are not of such a character as to cause any anxiety. The room where the accident happened was badly damaged by the flames, which even might have proved more serious were it not for the prompt attendance of the fire brigade. On enquiry at the Hospital last evening it was learned that Miss Rogers was resting more easily, with no immediately prospects of danger.

HAMILTON.

WILLIAM SHARP FOUND.

His Body Discovered Floating
in the Lake.

The Mystery of Nine Weeks Cleared up
He Probably Drowned Himself While
in a Fit of Depression.

Hamilton Recd.

On Monday morning March 19, Wm. Sharp, baker and confectioner, who has for thirty years carried on business on John street south, disappeared from his home, and up to yesterday nothing had been heard or seen of him. He had told Mrs. Sharpe, when he went out, that he was going to visit his friend Peter Thompson. He was clad in his ordinary working suit of gray cloth, and wore striped woolen mittens, and over-shoes over slippers. Mr. Sharpe had not been well for several days before his sudden and mysterious disappearance. His temper, usually cheerful and even jovial, seemed clouded, and he was physically weak. Dr. Dillabough, his physician, was of opinion that he was suffering from an affection of the heart, and warned Mrs. Sharpe to watch him carefully. Many rumors have been in circulation concerning Mr. Sharpe. It was said that he was in Rochester and Detroit, and even in other American cities; that Hamilton people had seen him, and that he had written to friends here. All these rumors were baseless. The mystery of the poor man's disappearance was cleared up yesterday. His dead body was found floating in the

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Coroner Dr. Mackenzie was notified of the discovery of the body. He empaneled a jury, who viewed the body and then adjourned until next Tuesday evening. Mrs. Sharpe was seen by the Spectator last evening. Though she had been for some time anticipating the worst, she was naturally overcome by the evil tidings. She could give no reason why her husband should have committed suicide. When he left her on the morning of March 19, he seemed to be calm and in complete possession of his mental faculties.

Dr. Dillabough, who was also spoken to, is of the opinion that Mr. Sharpe's mind was affected, partly by physical causes and partly by financial difficulties. Since his disappearance his business affairs have been discovered to be badly involved. He had endorsed notes for a friend of his who had failed in business, and the failure of his friend meant financial ruin for him. This unfortunate turn of events no doubt preyed on his mind, and may have unhinged it. A life-long friend of Mr. Sharpe's told a reporter yesterday that, although his disposition was unusually sunny, he was liable at times to fits of gloom, and at such times he was inclined to be decidedly eccentric.

Mr. Sharpe was an Englishman by birth. He was 56 years of age, and had lived in Hamilton upwards of thirty years. His widow and one child, a boy, survive him. Undertaker Dwyer took Mrs. Sharpe to the hospital morgue last evening. She identified the remains as those of her husband.

Funnygraphs.

Sage Advice.

A young man who was about to start in business on Michigan avenue went to an old retired merchant the other day to secure good advice.

"How much cash have you got?" was the blunt inquiry.

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Station	Time	Time	Time
St. Catharines	7:00	8:00	9:00
Niagara Falls	7:15	8:15	9:15
Buffalo	7:30	8:30	9:30
Albany	7:45	8:45	9:45
Schenectady	8:00	9:00	10:00
Rochester	8:15	9:15	10:15
Syracuse	8:30	9:30	10:30
Utica	8:45	9:45	10:45
Binghamton	9:00	10:00	11:00

From New York.

Station	Time	Time	Time
St. Catharines	10:00	11:00	12:00
Niagara Falls	10:15	11:15	12:15
Buffalo	10:30	11:30	12:30
Albany	10:45	11:45	12:45
Schenectady	11:00	12:00	1:00
Rochester	11:15	12:15	1:15
Syracuse	11:30	12:30	1:30
Utica	11:45	12:45	1:45
Binghamton	12:00	1:00	2:00

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The ladies of the Methodist Church held a concert on the grounds belonging to Mr. Joseph Nash, May 24. Program, debate Commercial Union, speeches, recitations and music. It was quite a success, receipts \$96.00 clear for parsonage fund.

Mr. Pollard, Chatham, has been visiting friends here.

The entrance examination to High School will be held in Stoney Creek, this year for the first time.

Rain is very much needed to give the crops a start.

Building is still going on. Stoney Creek is looking up.

There is a very good show for fruit this year, strawberries and peaches will be a little short, but as duty is taken off perhaps they will sell better and make it up.

The Queen's birthday was quite a lively day in the Creek, just a little too lively for a few.

Taplestown and Stoney Creek again take up Commercial Union, affirmative Carr and Marshall, negative Lee and Burton. Dr. Carr, though very much under the weather with overwork and a very cold, battled vigorously, no called balls for him. He gained second base in good style, stole third a little winded but marked the diamond right foot forward for C. U. Next E. Lee for Taplestown, the negative came to the mark cautiously and a little nervously, but warned to his work and with few errors did some very strong work sending the ball apparently wherever he wished, making his bases in regular order, but a few of his steps were off the chalk line. He reached the diamond solidly against C. U., though apparently a little winded. G. R. Marshall, for the affirmative followed, taking things rather slowly at first, but after some careless batting and a few called balls, struck out vigorously right and left making his bases, but paying no attention to chalk marks, reached home safely and looked wisely for another run when umpire called time. R. Burton closed the negative, stepped lightly to the mark, handled the bat as if for amusement or to show how he could use it. After amusing himself and spectators in this way for a time, he started to work and after a few errors lightly touched the ball and as he is a good runner reached home in good shape. As it then began to rain a little and Dr. Carr did not get a chance to reply. The referees three divines were one for the negative.

The Hamilton District of the Free Methodist Conference, will hold a camp meeting in the bush of Mr. Joseph Nash near Stoney Creek, 7 miles east of the city of Hamilton, commencing at 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 5th 1888, and lasting over a week.

Saltfleet Council.

The council met at Stoney Creek, on May 28th, pursuant to adjournment as a court of appeal. The following changes were made: Thos. Lawrence assessment was reduced \$50, Elias Pettit was struck off the roll, James B. Pettit \$1 for dog struck off, Robert Penfold \$1 for dog struck off, Harry Cooper \$1 for dog struck off, Marcus Lee's assessment was reduced \$9 per acre for 40 acres of swamp land.

The following assessments were sustained: Wesley Cable, John Dymen, Alex. Hunter, Hiram Smith, Jacob Pettit, Jonathan Stewart, and John Stewart were assessed as tenants of part lot 32, in con. 8, and J. V. Harvey as owner, Geo. S. Papps to be notified that he is assessed for property in this township, Geo. Slingerland's assessment sustained. The court then rose to meet at 2 o'clock as a council.

Moved by Cowan, seconded by Walker, that the recve issue his cheque in favor of Thos. Lawrence for \$125 for work done on mountain road.

The following cheques were passed to sign by the recve: Township of Saltfleet in favor of Ontario Government for \$1.00 for rent of Burlington Beach for the year 1887, Messrs. Millen Bros. for \$130 for plank for this municipality, Levi Bell \$4.00 for serving summons re court of appeal, Hamilton House of refuge \$19.00 for board and attendance for Susan Jones.

Moved by Williams, seconded by Cowan, resolved that Geo. Slingerland be authorized to purchase 10 feet of 15 inch sewer pipe for culvert.

Moved by Walker, seconded by Williams, resolved that the recve be authorized to employ legal advice in the matter in dispute re communication of Lazier & Monck and township of Saltfleet respecting a fence on Beach.

Moved by Williams, seconded by Part, resolved that this council grant \$20.00 to be applied in filling a low road between lots 14 and 15 in the 5th con. and that E. Lee, Robert Ptolemy and the mover be and are hereby appointed a committee to expend the same.

STONEY CREEK May 24th 1888.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT,

Sir,—Your paper of May 3rd contained a letter from a correspondent who signed the names of the trustees of S. S. No. 3, of Saltfleet by authority, wherein the writer endeavored to belittle a petition presented to said trustees against the re-engagement of the senior teacher Mr. Marshall, for another year, which matter was mentioned in an item in a former issue of your paper.

Now, sir, I do not know how the other readers of your valuable paper in S. S. No. 3 felt regarding this effusion but I must say that I felt humiliated when I saw the names of the trustees of this the richest S. S. in Saltfleet attached to one of the most illiterate and grossly ungrammatical productions it has ever felt to my lot to read in public print and I would suggest to Mr. Marshall (if he be not the writer himself as many think, who wantonly made errors to cover up his own identity) that he give his would be champion a course of instructions upon the use of the English language before again engaging his services in a similar cause.

It seems in my humble judgment sir, that trustees who are expected to guard the interests of the people they represent would more becomingly and properly fill their positions of trust if they would carefully consider the prayer of a petition coming thus from the people and immediately pass judgment upon it before thus rushing immediately into print in their reception without first giving it their careful and due consideration to which it is entitled. Furthermore sir what can you think of a trustee who in such a case as this shows his whole influence upon one side or another before receiving the petition and thus pre-judges the whole matter and discourages the people from presenting their grievance to him. What estimate sir can you place upon the delicacy of a teacher who during such a crisis as this in his affairs appeals to his neighbors upon the score of friendship, endeavors unjustly to place a false motive upon the act of the petitioners against him, tries to make friends of enemies by placing the blame of past acts upon those closely related to him and by surrounding himself generally in a cloud of dust hopes to divert the eye of the people from his own incompetency to something else.

Surely sir it would be more becoming to his truthfulness and conduct more to any innate delicacy of which he may be possessed for him to consider that he is the people's servant, paid by the people's money and therefore must justly be open to public criticism and so stand or fall by his public record in his profession than to thus appeal to his social qualities and endeavor to traduce his critic's motives. The teacher and all the trustees being free-masons perchance the school board imagined their duty to the order should override their duty to the school section, again it has often been noticed that the teacher rather exclusively cultivates the friendship of trustees and their families and it has frequently been remarked that a mag's election to the school board is the signal for an inundation of social visits from our esteemed pedagogues and his better half. Perchance here again we have another explanation of the unseemly haste of our trustees to rush to the aid of their unfortunate friend and brother.

Let us now glance momentarily at the wording of the petition and the answer of your correspondent.

The petition preferred no charge against Mr. Marshall but merely expressed a wish for a change at the end of the term of office on account of the little progress his pupils had made as compared with that of those of former teachers. This statement I claim is amply borne out by facts as it is widely known that during the various periods when the school was presided over by Messrs. Johnson, McPherson, Nugent and Kennedy it was no unusual thing to have a half dozen pupils leave each half year pass into the high school or take teachers certificates. Now, Mr. Marshall has been here 4½ years and he has not succeeded in getting over half a dozen during all that time into the high schools and in place of the pupils having their time occupied at home in the evening with their studies it is seldom they do not put in the whole evening playing with their companions upon the streets when their noise turns the village into a perfect bedlam and indeed frequently they do not take home their books at all giving as their reason for not doing so that they already know their lessons perfectly and have not had a new one for some time past.

Your correspondent says "there is no pupils away from school now through any deficiency of the teacher," again I say he is wrong and I need only refer him to children belonging to Messrs. Wm. Davis, Jno. B. Walker and A. Wedebone to prove that this is so. Let me cite another instance, Mr. Green jr., attended Mr. Marshall's classes about 1½ years at the end of which time he failed to pass even an entrance examination into the high school; at last he

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decided upon a change of teachers and as a result in a few months he was enabled to pass an entrance examination to a Medical College which I am told is equivalent to an intermediate examination in the high schools. Many parents are dissatisfied with the lack of progress made by their children but cannot afford to go to the expense and trouble of sending their children away from home.

Many ratepayers having children attending Mr. Marshall's department (myself among the number) were deterred from affixing their signatures to the petition knowing it to be useless from the hostile attitude of the trustees to the petition and fearing that at their children might suffer as a consequence of their act especially as even should the petition be successful the teacher would still have 8 or 9 months of office.

Your correspondent was wrong when he said "the petition was signed by only a dozen persons" as it was signed by more. Again he was wrong when he said "they had no interest in the school at all" as three of them had children attending Mr. Marshall's classes, and everyone of the signers were ratepayers in the school section, and I hold that a man may take a keen interest in a matter pertaining to education and still have no children attending school especially when in such a case as this he thinks his neighbor's are not getting fair play for their children and the money which is paid out for an inefficient teacher is improperly expended hence, Sir, I fail to see how your correspondent can reconcile his statement with the facts as here presented.

Your correspondent says Mr. Marshall has proved himself a gentleman in every respect; well nobody as far as I am aware wishes to impeach him upon this point but still I cannot help thinking he must have had a lapse in this respect or a deficiency in that maudlin upon which he prides himself when in addressing the school board, regarding a poor old widow lady named Mrs. Gould, whom to know to respect in every particular, he endeavored and only too successfully to be-mislead her reputation for cleanliness in taking care of the school house, with the result that he secured the appointment of the exalted position for himself at an advance of \$25.00 per year upon his salary.

In conclusion, Sir, allow me to assure you that there is a general feeling throughout the school section that Mr. Marshall, as a teacher is a failure and that a change is desirable but that many are deterred by friendship and other reasons from taking any active part to secure a change especially since he has seen fit to make the act a pang of his friendship. Signed, RATEPAYER, S. S. No. 3, Saltfleet.

WINONA.

Mrs. John Pettit and her daughter Cynthia have returned home after making a prolonged visit at her friends in Northwich. Mrs. Pettit, we are glad to hear, is now enjoying pretty fair health.

E. B. Biggar, journalist of Montreal, paid a short visit to his brother W. E. Biggar.

J. H. Smith, of Chatham, is visiting his mother, Mrs. G. W. Penny.

J. Morriss, for over 16 years employed on the farm of G. F. Lewis, has removed with his family to Burlington, where he takes the management of a farm owned by Mr. Proctor of Hamilton.

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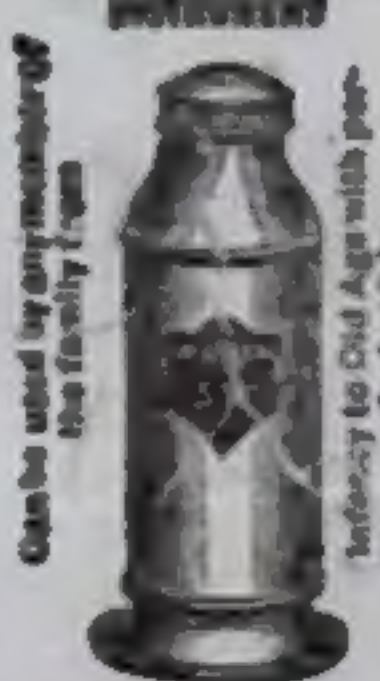
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